

Who's been tampering with the Hangers ?



Nant Bidy, a secluded valley south of Wadi Khad Al Shamsi, has been one of those places subject to routes development in the latest years. Unfortunately, due to border problems, bolting has stalled. At the moment about 30 pitches are bolted plus a gigantic 300m multipich.

On my latest visit to Nant Bidy I was bemused by some changes made to two routes on the left bank without, as far as I know, the consent of the bolter. Hangers have been stolen and chains moved downwards, reducing significantly the length and the interest of the routes, while no improvement have been made on cleaning or security.

At a time when some good people are trying to set up a UAE bolting fund it would be interesting to ask ourselves what we consider as good and bad practices. This one being unacceptable in my opinion.

I would be happy if the perpetrator(s?) of this forgery would come public, explain his (their?) deed and, hopefully repair the harm done to the rock and the climbing community.

On the picture below you can see the two routes : in red their new version, in blue in their original extend.

